News release

Cold weather set to return

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The mild weather the UK has been experiencing over recent days looks set to end.

Latest Met Office forecasts indicate that much colder conditions are expected to return to most parts of the country from the north-east. Eastern areas of the UK are likely to see the coldest conditions, with wintry showers at times, but all areas will experience overnight frosts.

Keith Groves, Head of Forecasting at the Met Office said: "Recently we have seen daytime temperatures in double figures, but in a few days time some places will be struggling to get above 2 or 3 °C. Brisk winds from the north-east will make it feel even colder. Eastern areas are also likely to see a covering of snow, especially over higher ground."

At this stage it seems likely that the colder weather will continue until the end of the month. Latest forecasts are always available via national and regional TV and radio as well as the web. The public are advised to check weather and travel conditions, especially when planning journeys during times of severe weather.

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